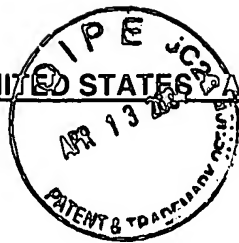


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April 13, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the Official Action mailed January 16, 2004 (for which petition is hereby made for a two-month extension of time), the Applicant hereby elects Group III (method of controlling the growth of a plant virus within a plant cell by increasing the level or activity of retinoblastoma protein by incorporation of a recombinant nucleic acid; a plant cell comprising a recombinant nucleic acid encoding for expression of a retinoblastoma protein; a transgenic plant comprising said cell). It is noted that Groups I-IV are linked and that the claims included in those groups will be allowed once allowability of the linking claims is indicated.

Favorable action on the present application is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

☒ **Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.**

Fees are attached as calculated below:

Total effective claims after amendment	21	minus highest number		
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Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$420.00/2 months; \$950.00/3 months)	\$ 420.00
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Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00	\$ 0.00
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